

## REMARKS

### I. Status of the Claims

Claims 10-29, 33 and 35 are pending in this application, and remain for consideration. Claim 35 is amended in this response. Claims 1-9 and 30-32 were previously cancelled. Claim 34 is cancelled in this response.

### II. Response to the Section 102(b) Rejection of claim 34 over Dang

First, Applicants thank Examiner for his determination that all remaining claims in the application are allowed, with the exception of claim 34.

Claim 34 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Dang et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,677,395). In the current response, Applicants have now canceled claim 34 thus rendering the novelty rejection over Dang moot.


In addition, Applicants have amended claim 35 in order to make claim 35 an independent claim.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to pass the case to issue. Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone their attorney at (610) 359-2465 if he believes that a discussion of the application might be helpful.

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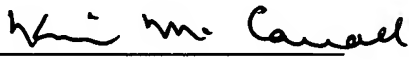
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